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1. The FCC must not follow through on imposing non-Christian people, beliefs and ideals on the true Gospel of Jesus Christ. I grew up listening to the Bible Broadcasting Network (All Christian radio program) as a little girl. Now that I am in my early twenties, all the messages of God's love and grace that have been preached on the Bible Broadcasting Network for many years, have been made even clearer to me, all because of the wonderful outreach of the Bible Broadcasting Network to this world. FCC, you cannot do this because the state will *not* be helping the church, it will only be hurting it by bringing in outside beliefs that do not acknowledge the message of Jesus Christ. Although the people running the radio stations are human, and prone to making mistakes, the Word of God that they send out is infallible.

2. I believe that it is safe for me to speak for the other millions of people that hang on to every word of teaching and music from the Bible Broadcasting Network, that there is no way that we could live, literally, without the Word of God being brought to us through radio and internet 24 hours a day, seven days a week. We would be lost. I am not just speaking for BBN, but for all the Christian radio programming that sends out the message of Jesus' love for us. There are people out here who need to hear the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ! Even if everyone does not believe in Jesus, our Constitution does grant us freedom of religion.

3. What has happened to the issue of "Separation of Church and State?" Even if the Founding Fathers did not truly understand what they were doing, they had enough of a reverence for God to found this country upon Christian principles. I have no idea of the costs of keeping any radio station going at all, but I know that there *is* a lot of it involved. If anything, FCC, could you give toward the kingdom of God instead of trying to take away from it? I pray that God will touch your hearts and minds so that you will not follow through with your original plans.

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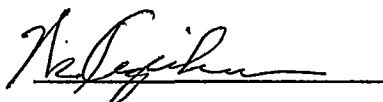
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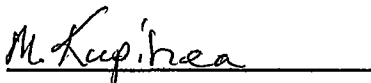
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